

## Find a Grant Program

**Part 1** - Take one minute to reflect on the following questions before taking one or two minutes to write your responses

- What do you think the process of doing research is like? What are the first steps?
  
- Who funds research? Why are they funding that research?
  
- When a research project is completed, what happens? How does research impact the world?



**Part 2** – After watching the “How Research Gets Done” video, reread your answers to the prompts from Part 1 and take one or two minutes to answer the following questions:

- How did the video change your perception of university research?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The process for university research can be complicated and time consuming. Did any steps in the research process surprise you?

### **Part 3 – Homework**

a) Choose one area of research in your field that interests you. Look up various funding agencies (National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, etc.) and try to find a grant program which awards funds to researchers in that area. Give the name of the funding agency and the grant program along with a brief summary of the purpose of that grant program.

b) Find one project which has been funded through that program (this is often found on the grant program page). What kind of impact did the researcher aim to achieve with their work? How could their work have impacted you or people you know?